

# Ifw

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4407**  
Seiji KAWASAKI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1470A  
Serial No. 10/684,407 : Group Art Unit 3636  
Filed October 15, 2003 : Examiner S. Vu

SEAT STRUCTURE

---

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

The Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 29, 2005 indicates that the Brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on appeal and, as such, requires a corrected Appeal Brief.

However, contrary to this assertion in the Notification, the Appeal Brief filed September 7, 2005 does in fact include a separate heading for each ground of rejection, as well as an argument under each separate heading.

In this regard, Examiner Vu was contacted by telephone on December 6, 2005, and the headings and the corresponding arguments were pointed out to the Examiner. The Examiner agreed that the Appeal Brief does properly present an argument under a separate heading for each ground of rejection on Appeal, and the Examiner requested that a response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief be filed and refer to the telephone conversation.

More specifically, the grounds of rejection to be reviewed on Appeal are identified on page 8 of the Appeal Brief. The first ground of rejection is identified in a heading A at the top of

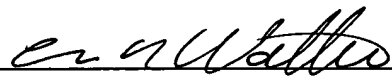
page 9 of the Appeal Brief, and a corresponding argument is presented immediately below the heading A and proceeds from page 9 through page 11.

Similarly, the second ground of rejection is identified by a heading B at the top of page 12 of the Appeal Brief, and a corresponding argument is presented immediately therebelow and proceeds through page 14 of the Appeal Brief.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief is improper and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Seiji KAWASAKI et al.

By:   
Charles R. Watts  
Registration No. 33,142  
Attorney for Applicants

CRW/ck  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021  
Telephone (202) 721-8200  
Facsimile (202) 721-8250  
December 15, 2005